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TO:

File

FROM:

Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist

SUBJECT:

Site Inspection, Minerals Investigation Development Company,

Organa Claims, S/055/013, Wayne County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

January 29, 2004

Time of Inspection:

About 5:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Conditions:

Mostly clear, 40's

Participants:

Will Stokes (SITLA) and Paul Baker (DOGM)

## **Purpose of Inspection:**

We were in the area, and I wanted to find the site and see it.

### Getting to the site:

Go north on the Factory Butte Road for 8.4 miles from SR 24. The road runs approximately north-northwest. Just before getting to the mine, the road curves to the west and crosses a small culvert. The mine is on the other side of the hills on the north or northeast side. If one passes the mine, the main road crosses a drainage with a 48-inch culvert. A GPS map of the site is attached to this report.

There is no actual road to the mine. It looks as if someone just drove over the hill to get to the site, so, depending on how recently someone has been there, it may or may not be possible to see the access.

#### **Observations:**

I did not use the GPS to measure or map the disturbed area, but I estimate the total disturbance is something less than an acre.



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Various views of the site are shown in Photos 1 through 4. The operator is mining a layer of carbonaceous shale or low grade coal buried shallowly under shale.

There is no vegetation whatsoever in the area of the mine.

#### Conclusions and Recommendations:

Reclamation of this site should consist of grading to make the mine match the surrounding area. It would be best to have the gray shale on the surface, but the surrounding areas do have places where shale is mixed with carbonaceous material. There will be no revegetation requirement.

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ce: Buzz Rakow, Hanksville BLM

Gary Jackson, operator

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## **ATTACHMENT**

# **Photographs** S/055/013, Mineral Investigation Development Company, Organa Claims Inspection Dated: January 29, 2004; Report Dated: March 4, 2004



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

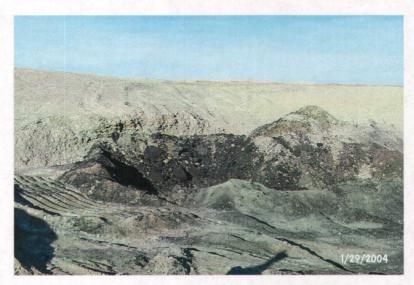


Photo 4

